CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A client system for ordering an item comprising:

a client input for receiving client data:

a dynamic imaging and dynamic texting display for simultaneously displaying selection items in a hub and spoke arrangement and selected items in a register receipt tabulated arrangement;

an ordering component that in response to a performance of at least one action, sends a request to a preparation monitor and a database to order the selected items, the request to the preparation monitor includes the selected items and the request to the database includes the selected items and the client data.

2.   The client system of claim 1 wherein said client input further includes a card reader for simultaneously initializing a new order and for receiving the client data.

3.   The client system of claim 1 wherein said dynamic imaging and dynamic texting display includes a touch screen display for selecting the selection items by touching the display and displaying selected items in a register receipt tabulated arrangement.

4.   The client system of claim 1 further including a processing unit located remotely from said client input and said dynamic imaging and dynamic text display, said processing unit communicating with said client input and said dynamic imaging and dynamic text display through the internet.

5.   A method of placing an order for an item the method comprising:

under control of a client system,

activating the client system in response to a purchaser entering information;

displaying a distinctive arrangement of item options such that the item options are arranged in a hub and spoke arrangement for selection by the purchaser to create an order;

displaying selected items of the order in an arrangement such that the selected items are arranged in a register receipt tabulated arrangement; and

in response to an order from the purchaser, sending the order to a server system;

under control of a server system,

storing the purchaser information;

receiving the order;

generating an order to purchase the item; and

sending the order to a database and an order preparation monitor.

6.   The method of claim 5 wherein said step of activating the client system in response to a purchaser entering information includes the step of reading a card having stored information unique to the purchaser, said method further including the step of storing the purchaser information and the order for use in connection with creating a sales report associated with the purchaser.

7. The method of claim 5 wherein said step of displaying selected items of the order in an arrangement such that the selected items are arranged in a register receipt tabulated arrangement further includes the steps of:

displaying a tab associated with each selected item for modifying the selected item;

displaying item options in a hub and spoke arrangement related to the selected item to be modified in response to the purchaser selecting the tab associated with the selected item.

8. The method of claim 5 wherein each of said arrangement of item options displayed in a hub and spoke arrangement represents a category of specific items and said method further includes the step of displaying category item options in a hub and spoke arrangement for selection by the purchaser, each of said category items being related to the selected item.

9. The method of claim 8 further including the step of displaying in a hub and spoke arrangement customization item options related to the selected category item, said customization item options being related to customizing the selected category item.

10. The method of claim 9 further including the step printing a receipt detailing said selections, including customization item options related to the selected category items and including a coupon for a future purchase based on purchaser information entered when activating the client system.

11.   The method of claim 5 further including the step of under control of a client system, displaying permanently visible instructions.

12.   The method of claim 5 further including the step of determining an order total in response to an input by the purchaser to complete the order, before ending the order to the server system.

13.   The method of claim 12 further including the step of suggesting an item to the purchaser that will round up the order to an even dollar amount, before sending the order to the server system.

14.   The method of claim 13 wherein said step of suggesting the item further includes the step of selecting the suggested item based on the selected items arranged in the register receipt tabulated arrangement.

15.   The method of claim 5 further including the step of updating the client system information and items through the web without the need to recompile or recode the software used for generating the display of item options in a hub and spoke arrangement for selection.

16. A method of placing an order for an item the method comprising:

activating a kiosk user interface having a touch screen;

entering an order by touching the touch screen at predetermined locations arranged in a hub and a spoke arrangement;

modifying the order, if needed, by touching the order arranged in a register receipt tabulated arrangement; and

completing the order.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein kiosk user interface is activated by reading a card having stored information unique to a purchaser.

18. The method of claim 16 wherein said step of entering an order by touching the touch screen at predetermined locations further includes the steps of selecting a category of items by touching the touch screen, and displaying the category item options associated with the selected category in a hub and spoke arrangement in response to touching the touch screen.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein said step of entering an order by touching the touch screen at predetermined locations further includes the step of selecting category items from the displayed category item options by touching the screen at predetermined locations in a hub and spoke arrangement.

20.   The method of claim 19 wherein said step of entering an order by touching the touch screen at predetermined locations further includes the step of displaying customized item options in a hub and spoke arrangement in response to said step of selecting category items, said customized item options being related to the selected category item.